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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Call to Action: Stop the Extended Alcohol Sales Bill (SB 384)

This week, Councilmember Koretz introduced a resolution to the Los Angeles City Council opposing a state bill (SB 384) that proposes to extend the current cutoff time for alcohol sales in bars, restaurants, and nightclubs to 4 a.m. The bill would not apply to liquor stores. Currently, under existing California state law, the sale of alcohol is prohibited between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Authored by State Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), this bill has made its way through the Senate with alarmingly little opposition, and will be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee as soon as next week. Councilmember Koretz is firmly opposed to this legislation not only because of the deadly impacts its passage can cause, but also due to the lack of additional law enforcement resources this change would require.

Councilmember Koretz's position is clear. "While we want our local businesses to thrive, no good can come from serving alcohol until 4 a.m. If this passes we can expect more DUIs, more drunk driving injuries and more alcohol related deaths."

The U.S. Community Prevention Services Task Force has strongly recommended against extending alcohol sales hours based on substantial evidence that a 4 a.m. closure time adds cost and resource needs to local law enforcement for tracking DUI's, breaking up fights, investigating violent alcohol-related crimes, and cleaning up bloody highway collisions.

Koretz is asking for the public's help, "I don't know what the authors of this bill were thinking in


that it doesn't seem to provide adequate resources for administration nor law enforcement. We need to let them know that it is not good public safety policy." **At this time we are asking the public to contact State leadership and urge its defeat.** If this bill is enacted into law, extended drinking hours will be harder to reverse because it will take tragic data to change public opinion and by then it will be too late for many.

Here's how you can help. Post on social media, email or call your state legislators and tell them to vote NO on SB 384:

- Email **Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher**, Assemblymember.Gonzalez@assembly.ca.gov or call (619) 338-8090
- Email **Assemblymember Richard Bloom**, Assemblymember.Bloom@assembly.ca.gov or call (310) 450-0041
- Email **Senator Ben Allen**, Senator.Allen@senate.ca.gov or call (310) 318-6994
- Email **Senator Bob Herzberg** Senator.Hertzberg@senate.ca.gov or call (818) 901-5588
- Email **Sebastian Ridley-Thomas**, Assemblymember.Ridley-Thomas@assembly.ca.gov or call (323) 291-5441

WORKING FOR YOU

Safety First in CD5: Meet Greg Martayan, Chief Deputy of Public Safety

In April, in light of the recent uptick in crime  citywide, Councilmember Koretz tapped Gregory Martayan to serve as his liaison with the command staff of the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Fire Department, Emergency Services Department and related law enforcement agencies to come up with solutions and advise the Councilmember on related policy and legislation.

As Chief Deputy of Public Safety, Gregory is headquartered out of City Hall. Councilmember Koretz has entrusted him with the duty to have a more permanent public safety presence in the District.

OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Cooling Centers Extending Hours of Operation from Sunday 8/27 to Wednesday 8/30

If you need to cool off, the City of LA offers cooling centers where you can beat the heat. Due to extreme heat, cooling center locations will offer extended hours from 12:00 PM - 11:00 PM starting Sunday, August 27 through Wednesday, August 30. You can call 3-1-1 or go to emergency.lacity.org/heat for a full list of cooling center locations throughout Los Angeles.

In addition, follow these simple tips to stay cool:

- Drink plenty of cool water! Stay hydrated.
- Wear loose, light-colored clothing that will keep you cool. Wear sunscreen and a hat for protection.
- Check on neighbors who might be vulnerable to the heat, especially those without air conditioning.
- Never leave children or pets in a car - not even for one minute. Temperatures inside a car can quickly skyrocket to deadly levels.
- If you work or play outside, take frequent breaks to hydrate and cool off in the shade.
- Don't forget the pets! Keep pets indoors if possible. If kept outside, give them plenty of water and shade to rest in.
- Symptoms of heat-related illness include dizziness, fatigue, faintness, headaches, muscle cramps, and increased thirst. If you experience these symptoms, seek medical attention.

You Can Help Change the Future of Aging



Take the Purposeful Aging L.A. Survey! Our older adult population in the Los Angeles region is already larger than the older adult population of 41 states, and will double between 2010 and 2030.

Purposeful Aging Los Angeles (PALA) will prepare the Los Angeles region for this rapid change through an innovative initiative that unites the County and the City of Los Angeles, other cities, public and private resources, ideas and strategies. PALA's goal is to make the Los Angeles region the most age-friendly in the world. To get there we need your help! Your input will be used to develop an Age-Friendly Plan for our region. The confidential PALA Survey takes about 20 minutes to complete and can be filled out by anyone 18 years of age or older who resides in the County or City of Los Angeles. Please go here to take the survey: PurposefulAgingLA.com

Cheviot Pool & Showers Closed for the Rest of the Summer

The Cheviot Hills Pool at 2693 Motor Ave. has been closed for the next two weeks due to a sewer line collapse under the pool that is affecting the shower facility. The Department of Recreation and Parks apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

Join us for NBA Nick Young's Back-2-School Giveaway at the Robertson Recreation Center Groundbreaking

Please join Councilmember Koretz, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Public Works, and NBA Superstar Nick Young to celebrate the "Nick Young Back-2-School Giveaway" at the Robertson Recreation Center Ceremonial Groundbreaking!



Nick Young's Back-2-School Giveaway will begin on Tuesday, August 29th, from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM. The Ceremonial Groundbreaking will begin at 4 PM. We will be at the Robertson Recreation Center located at 1641 Preuss Road. Should you have any questions regarding this event, please contact our Wilshire office at [323-866-1828](tel:323-866-1828).

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Mid-City LA Burger Stand to Remain Eatery and Preserve Elements of Its 1960's Era Google Style

Earlier this year, Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz [led an effort to landmark a Pico Boulevard burger](#)



[stand](#)—once an Orange Julius and now home to LA Burger—in order to save it from demolition. As a result of negotiations with the developer, the new six-story building will bring 48 units of housing to the area and the LA Burger will continue to operate in the new building. The new design will highlight the Orange Julius style and hopefully raise awareness of this type of colorful geometric architecture in LA's history. [Read the full story by clicking here or on the image.](#)

Los Angeles Joins National No-Kill Effort: *L.A. on track to reach Mayor Garcetti's goal to be largest no-kill city in the nation this year*

As a leader in the no-kill effort, Los Angeles Animal Services General Manager Brenda Barnette is joining a national steering committee with rescue and shelter leaders across the country, launched by Best Friends Animal Society to end the killing of dogs and cats in our nation's shelters by 2025. The goal is to save the approximately 5,500 dogs and cats that are killed in shelters every day simply because they don't have safe places to call home.

As Mayor Garcetti announced in his State of the City address, L.A. will become the largest no-kill city in the nation this year.

Los Angeles will serve as a model for this national steering committee comprised of leaders in animal welfare who have played key roles in driving no-kill agendas in a variety of cities and towns, from Los Angeles to Lynchburg, VA. The purpose of the national steering committee is to help develop more coordinated efforts within the animal welfare movement by providing oversight and expertise to no-kill coalitions nationwide, encouraging increased participation around priority life saving programs, exchanging ideas, and enhancing widespread ownership of the 2025 goal.

Adopt Some Love

Looking for a new furry companion? Check out these LA Animal Shelter Dogs and Cats of the Week from the East Valley & West Valley City Animal Shelters. Please come meet our dogs and cats – they need homes now. Both shelter are open Tuesday through Saturday 8 am to 5 pm; Sunday 11 am to 5 pm (closed Mondays). Click on any photo below for details.



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